<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended): A method for distribution of scrambled data and/or services to at least one master terminal and to at least one slave terminal linked with the master terminal, the method comprising:

transmitting by a central management module to the master terminal a first secret code $\underline{S_m}$ and transmitting by the central management module to each slave terminal a second secret code $\underline{S_s}$ ~~in a biunique relationship with the first secret code~~;

storing the first secret code S_m in the master terminal and the second secret code S_s in each slave terminal and,

for each use of a slave terminal by a user,

checking ~~the compatibility of the master and slave secret codes~~ <u>whether the first secret code S_m has previously been stored in the slave terminal,</u>

<u>when the first secret code S_m has previously been stored in the slave terminal,</u>

<u>checking whether the first secret code S_m is in a biunique relationship with the second secret code S_s,</u>

<u>when the first secret code S_m has not previously been stored in the slave terminal,</u>

inviting said user to enter the first secret code S_m in said slave terminal<u>, and</u> ~~if said first secret code S_m is not already stored in the slave terminal~~

<u>checking whether the first secret code S_m entered by the user in the slave terminal is in a biunique relationship with the second secret code S_s,</u>

<u>authorizing the reception of the scrambled data and/or services by the slave terminal, when the first secret code S_m is in a biunique relationship with the second secret code S_s, and</u>

prohibiting the reception of the scrambled data and/or services by the slave terminal,

when the first secret code S_m is not in a biunique relationship with the second secret code S_s

~~or if said second secret code Ss is not in a biunique relationship with the secret code~~

~~S_m previously saved in the slave terminal~~.

12. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 11, further comprising:

defining a first type of entitlement management messages to transmit the first secret

code to the master terminal, and defining a second type of entitlement management messages

to transmit the second secret code to each slave terminal;

transmitting the first secret code to the master terminal within said first type of

entitlement management messages (EMMm) and transmitting the second secret code to each

slave terminal within said second type of entitlement management messages (EMMs).

13. (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 11, further comprising:

generating at a variable frequency a new first secret code and a new second secret

code ~~in a biunique relationship with the new first secret code~~;

transmitting by the central management module to the master terminal the new first

secret code and to each slave terminal the new second secret code;

storing the new first secret code in the master terminal and the new second secret code

in each slave terminal and,

for each use of the slave terminal by the user,

checking whether the new first secret code has previously been stored in the slave

terminal,

when the new first secret code has previously been stored in the slave terminal,

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checking whether the new first secret code is in a biunique relationship with

the new second secret code,

when the new first secret code has not previously been stored in the slave terminal,

inviting the user to enter the new first secret code in the slave terminal, and

checking whether the new first secret code entered by the user in the slave

terminal is in a biunique relationship with the new second secret code,

authorizing the reception of the scrambled data and/or services by the slave terminal,

when the new first secret code is in a biunique relationship with the new second secret code,

and

prohibiting the reception of the scrambled data and/or services by the slave terminal,

when the new first secret code is not in a biunique relationship with the new second secret

code.

14. (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 13, further comprising:

defining a first type of entitlement management messages (EMMm) to transmit the

new first secret code to the master terminal, and defining a second type of entitlement

management messages (EMMs) to transmit the new second secret code to each slave

terminal;

transmitting the new first secret code to the master terminal within said first type of

EMMm and transmitting the new second secret code to each slave terminal within said

second type of EMMs,

storing the new first secret code in the master terminal and storing the new second

secret code in each slave terminal; and

for each use of [[a]] the slave terminal,

checking [[if]] whether the ~~new second secret code is in a biunique relationship with~~ ~~the~~ new first secret code has previously been stored in the slave terminal,

when the new first secret code has previously been stored in the slave terminal,

checking whether the new first secret code is in a biunique relationship with the new second secret code,

when the new first secret has not previously been stored in the slave terminal,

inviting the user to enter the first secret code in the slave terminal, and

checking whether the new first secret code entered by the user in the slave terminal is in a biunique relationship with the new second secret code,

authorizing the reception of the scrambled data and/or services by the slave terminal, when the new first secret code is in a biunique relationship with the new second secret code, and

prohibiting the reception of the scrambled data and/or services by the slave terminal, when the new first secret code is not in a biunique relationship with the new second secret code.

15. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 11, wherein each terminal comprises a security processor.

16. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 15, wherein the security processor comprises a smart card linked with the terminal.

17. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 16, wherein the smart card is paired with the terminal.

18. (Currently Amended): A scrambled data and/or service distribution system for at least one master terminal and at least one slave terminal, each equipped with a security processor, the system comprising:

a central subscriber management module;

an entitlement management message generator;

a scrambling platform;

means for attributing to the master terminal a first secret code $\underline{S_m}$, and to each slave terminal a second secret code $\underline{S_s}$; and ~~in a biunique relationship with the first secret code;~~

~~means for transferring the first secret code to the slave terminal; and~~

control means for authorizing reception of the data and/or services by a slave terminal only [[if]] <u>when</u> the first secret code $\underline{S_m}$ is previously stored in the slave terminal <u>and when</u> <u>the first secret code S_m entered in the slave terminal is in a biunique relationship with the</u> <u>second secret code S_s.</u>

19. (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 18, comprising a single master terminal and a single slave terminal.

20. (Previously Presented): A system according to claim 18, comprising a plurality of master terminals and a plurality of slave terminals.

21. (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 11, wherein the slave terminal is not authorized to be used by said user [[if]] <u>when</u> said first secret code S_m is not already stored in the slave terminal or [[if]] <u>when</u> said second secret code Ss is not in a biunique relationship with the secret code S_m previously saved in the slave terminal.